

THE RUINS OF FAMOUS LOUVAIN



General view of the ruins of Louvain, wrecked by the German army.

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Remains of the students' quarter, the Students' Club on the extreme right.

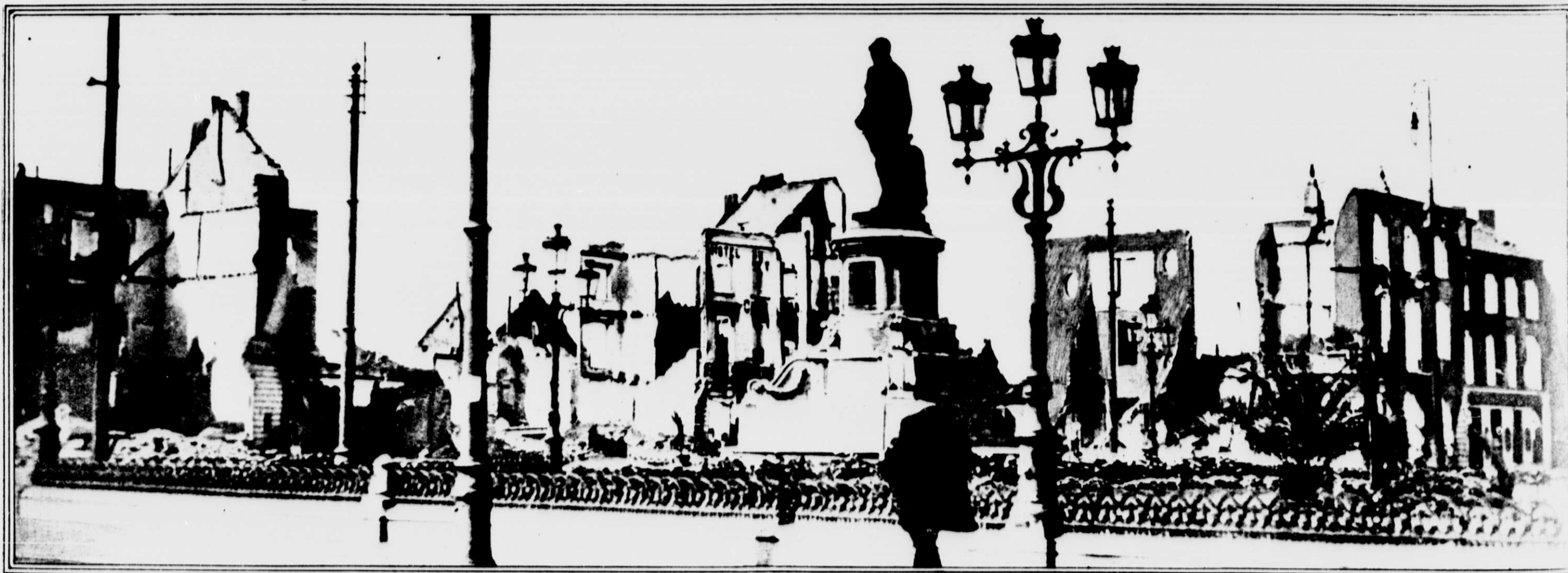


THE RUIN THAT FOLLOWED THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF LOUVAIN.

The sacking of Louvain brought forth some of the strongest charges of wanton destructiveness and brutality. To the right is the famous Hotel de Ville, one of the architectural wonders of Europe. It escaped almost undamaged. The ruins of the Cathedral of St. Peter, of which only the walls stand, are in the centre; to the right is the wreckage of several historic Flemish buildings.



Ruins of cafes and hotels in the Place de la Concorde.



All that is left of the Hotel du Nord and other buildings near the station. It is a curious fact that most of the statues in the public squares of Louvain escaped destruction.